

Building & Land Use Committee
Meeting notes from Monday May 9th, 2011

Confirmed attendees:

Voting: Rob McCready, Sherry Giles, Lisa Kelleher, Joseph Lee, Vivek Bakshi, John Hiddema, Victor DiRisio, John Keenan, Danielle Lavalee,

Interested parents: Meredyth Hilton, Gord Miller

Absent:

Voting: Wendy Crawford, Brendan Conway, Lisa Cain, Edie Shaw, Val Upfold,

Interested parents: Melanie Haynes, Anne Sasu, Donna Boyce, Tanya Murdoch, Michael McCormick, Tricia Boyce

Agenda:

1. Update on Committee Chair Change

- Looking for new co-chair
- Lisa will do it on own would prefer not to
- Not necessary to put name forward now, voting will be done privately via email.
- Some discussion on who would be willing and nature of job
- John Hiddema expressed possible interest as Vice Chair

2. Discussion on BLU composition

- Concern about locking things in
- Also concerned about too much flux in membership
- How can we avoid people coming onto the BLU for short period of time
- Discussion of voice on committee vs. voice at end
- Concerns about tampering with process by flooding BLU with votes
- Ideas: develop criteria for inclusion of new members
- underrepresentation of program/grade/group
- also, minimum 3 meetings
- will bring bylaws for discussion at council meeting

3. Relationships

- long discussion on relationships between entities
- no clear definition of role of LDT rep, this needs to be clarified prior to May 31st
- discussion on outcomes & of direct Council presence at LDT
- no Council presence risks challenge to legitimacy of LDT representation
- concerns of 2 BLU reps vs. one council, one BLU
- main concern from Council is necessity

4. Steering Committee Protocol adjustments:

- Any members departing may be replaced by interested parents, same grade level not required
- Criteria for new members: In a grade or program not represented, committed to a minimum of 3 meetings
- At the start of each school year, council reviews the committee and protocols for any changes and canvasses for new members
- Maximum voting committee members – 18 suggested
- Meeting notice updated to not less than 5 business days (previously 10)

5. Review of LDT Representative

- News: Spectrum School Council will have 1 LDT rep

Motion passed re LDT Rep selection:

LDT reps include one council member chosen by council, one rep chosen by BLU

Moved by: Viv, Seconded by: John

- 1 elected from Davisville Council, 1 elected from BLU Committee
- LDT Rep role or job description will be drafted prior to candidate gathering and voting
- Voting for BLU elected LDT member will take place via email including absentees
- Council will elect their rep officially at Council meeting prior to May 31st

6. Quick review via bubble chart of TDSB, LDT, School Council and BLU relationships

- BLU is a committee in an advisory role initiated by the School Council
- BLU role is to review BLU relevant issues, connect with the community, review LDT proposals and make recommendations to School Council
- Relationships and roles were shown in rough bubble chart by Rob

Notes & Next steps:

- School tours: Shelley Laskin will discuss on May 31st. Joseph Lee to attend.
- Website: in development by John Hiddema - davisvilleparents.com

Next meetings:

School Council May 18th 6:45pm

LDT Introduction meeting May 31st time to be confirmed

To clarify:

LDT rep job description:

- Represent School Community needs as identified by BLU and Council,
- Ensure key concerns are made known to LDT
- be an advocate for our school community at the table
- Take notes and report results of LDT meetings to BLU and Council for discussion, review, recommendations